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memorandum

DATE: 19 June 1980

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: RSO/James J. Blystone, American Embassy, Buenos Aires

SUBJECT: Meeting with Argentine Intelligence Service

TO: The Ambassador

Through: DCM/Maxwell Chaplin

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On Monday, 16 June 1980, the RSO met with a member of the Argentine intelligence service. The main topic of conversation dealt with the RSO's stay in Bolivia and how the political situation there was developing. It was during this conversation that source stated that 601, with the cooperation of the Peruvian military intelligence had picked up four Argentines in Lima, Peru.

Source advised that when they picked up the four Argentines they discovered the individuals had developed an extremely quick and effective alert system among themselves, so that when apprehended, the news immediately was spread to the media so that they could not be quickly removed from Peru to Argentina without anyone knowing about it. The four individuals are important members of the Montonero hierarchy. The present situation is that the four Argentines will be held in Peru and then expelled to Bolivia where they will be expelled to Argentina. Once in Argentina they will be interrogated and then permanently disappeared. Source stated that 601 had had a good record on apprehending terrorists who had fled the country and were preparing to reenter.

RSO's source is being sent to Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and San Salvador to analyze the situations there and report back to 601.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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